

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-18, and 20-22 are pending in the present application.

Claims 17-18 and 20-22 have been allowed. The Examiner has indicated that claims 6-7 and 14 include allowable subject matter. Applicants therefore propose amending independent claim 1 to incorporate the subject matter set forth in claim 6 and canceling claim 6, rewriting claim 7 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, and amending claim 10 to incorporate the subject matter set forth in claim 14 and canceling claim 14. Applicants respectfully submit that the proposed amendments only incorporate subject matter already set forth in one or more dependent claims and will place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the proposed amendments be entered.

Pursuant to the proposed amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner's rejections of these claims be withdrawn.

For the aforementioned reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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